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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

A. MR. SECRETARY, CAN YOU SAY WHETHER YOU MADE ANY PROGRESS HERE TOWARDS SETTING UP A NEGOTIATION FRAMEWORK FOR RESOLVING THE NAMIBIA QUESTION?

S. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY BEFORE I ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT I HOPE YOU LADIES AND GENTLEMEN WILL UNDERSTAND THAT AT A TIME BEFORE WE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM THE LEADERS OF BLACK AFRICA OF THE DETAILS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, SOMETHING WHICH WE WILL DO IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT I CANNOT GO INTO DETAILS ON MANY OF THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY ASK ME. I BELIEVE ... JUST A MINUTE, I HAVEN'T ANSWERED HIM YET... I BELIEVE THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS SETTING UP A NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK BUT, OF COURSE, WE WILL HAVE TO AWAIT ALSO THE REACTION.... IN NAMIBIA, THE REACTION OF OTHER LEADERS.

YES, SIR*

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Q. MR. SECRETARY, DID PRIME MINISTER VORSTER SHOW ANY SIGNS OF A WILLINGNESS TO RECOGNIZE SWAPO IN NAMIBIA?

S. WELL, THE UNITED STATES HAS STATED THAT IT FAVORS THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL GROUPS IN NEGOTIATIONS AND CLEARLY WE INCLUDE SWAPO IN THIS. IT IS, OF COURSE, UP TO THE PRIME MINISTER TO SPEAK FOR HIS POSITION. BUT IT IS OUR VIEW THAT A NEGOTIATING PROCESS WILL HAVE TO INCLUDE SUCH GROUPS AS SWAPO.

Q. SIR, DO YOU ENVISAGE THE POSSIBILITY OF YOUR MEETING WITH MR. SMITH?

S. I HAVE NO PRESENT PLANS TO MEET WITH MR. SMITH AND THIS WOULD DEPEND ENTIRELY ON ASSURANCE THAT A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL OCCUR. BUT AT THIS MOMENT THERE ARE NO PLANS TO MEET WITH MR. SMITH AND THERE ARE NO... IT WOULD

BE TOTALLY PREMATURE TO SPECULATE ON IT.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, COULD YOU TELL US IF YOU HAD ANY COMMUNICATION WITH THE LEADERS MEETING IN DAR ES SALAAM AND WHAT YOUR PLANS ARE REGARDING YOUR TRIP TO AFRICA?

S. THERE HAS BEEN A MEETING OF THE LEADERS IN DAR ES SALAAM WHICH ONLY BEGAN A FEW HOURS AGO. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH OVER THE WEEKEND WITH SOME OF THE LEADERS BUT THAT WAS PRIOR TO THEIR ASSEMBLING. MY OWN PLANS ARE TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES TOMORROW. I AM READY TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS IN AFRICA IF THE PARTIES SHOULD DESIRE. WE WILL COMMUNICATE THE RESULTS OF THESE MEETINGS TO THE PARTIES, AND WE BELIEVE THAT

CONDITIONS EXISTS FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

Q. DR. KISSINGER, I HAVE A QUESTION IN TWO PARTS. A) HAVE YOU BEEN IN CONTACT WITH BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS IN RHODESIA; AND B) HOW DO YOU SEE THE PROSPECTS OF BRINGING THESE BLACK LEADERS OF RHODESIA TOGETHER?

S. ON MY TRIP TO AFRICA IN APRIL, I AGREED WITH THE PRESIDENTS OF THE SO- CALLED FRONTLINE STATES, THAT IS PRESIDENTS THAT BORDER THE ... THAT BORDER RHODESIA, THAT A REPETITION OF ANGOLA SHOULD BE AVOIDED. BY THIS WE MEAN THAT THE OUTSIDE POWERS, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND ESPECIALLY THE SUPER POWERS, SHOULD AVOID DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE SO-CALLED LIBERATION MOVEMENTS; AND TO LET THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS BE DEALT WITH BY THE BLACK AFRICAN STATES. WE, THEREFORE, HAVE BEEN IN ONLY ... VERY INFREQUENT CONTACTS WITH THE BLACK LEADERS OF RHODESIA, AND WE HAVE ALWAYS INFORMED THE LEADERS OF BLACK AFRICA OF THESE CONTACTS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE UNIFICATION OF THIS LEADERSHIP IS A TASK NOT FOR THE UNITED STATES, BUT IS A TASK FOR BLACK AFRICA. WE HOPE VERY MUCH THAT OTHER OUTSIDE POWERS EXERCISE SIMILAR RESTRAINT.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, DID YOU GET AN INVITATION TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA? ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF GOING THERE?

S. PRIME MINISTER DID EXTEND AN INVITATION TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA. A VISIT BY ME TO SOUTH AFRICA WOULD DEPEND ON WHETHER NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS TO SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE GOING FORWARD. IT WOULD IN ANY EVENT BE PRECEDED BY A VISIT TO BLACK AFRICA AND THE PROGRAM I WOULD TAKE TO SOUTH AFRICA WOULD REFLECT, AS DID ALL PREVIOUS PROGRAMS, THE CONSIDERATIONS OF THE BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS THAT I HAVE MET. IN OTHER WORDS, A VISIT BY ME TO SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND WOULD NOT BE A PROTOCOL VISIT BY A SECRETARY OF STATE.

Q. MR. SECRETARY , AS YOU WELL KNOW, MANY OF THE AFRICANS HAVE SAID THAT THE TIME FOR TALK IS PASSED AND THE TIME IS NOW FOR FIGHTING. BEYOND THE GENERAL EXPRESSION OF VIEWS THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN HERE AS TO THE UNITED STATES AND BRITISH INTENTIONS, ARE YOU NOW IN A POSITION TO PROPOSE SPECIFIC FINANCIAL, POLITICAL AND OTHER SUGGESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO AGREE WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER TO THE BLACK LEADERS OR WERE YOU ESSENTIALLY ONLY HOLDING OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF GOOD OFFICERS WITHOUT ANY CONCRETE OFFERS?

S. WE ARE MOVING TOWARD A POSITION WHERE WE WILL BE ABLE TO PUT TO THE LEADERS OF BLACK AFRICA A CONCRETE PROGRAM BY WHICH THE OBJECTIVES THAT I HAVE DESCRIBED CAN BE ACHIEVED FOR BOTH

NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA. WE DO NOT YET HAVE ALL THE

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DETAILS BUT WE ARE MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION. AND THE LEADERS OF BLACK AFRICA AT THAT POINT WILL HAVE TO DECIDE FIRST WHETHER THE PROGRAM MEETS THOSE NEEDS, WHICH I WOULD HOPE IT DOES, AND WHETHER THEY ARE PREPARED TO GO THE ROUTE OF NEGOTIATIONS, OR WHETHER THEY PREFER THE ROUTE OF ARMED STRUGGLE.

Q. JUST TO FOLLOW THAT UP, DOES THAT REPRESENT A JOINT US-SOUTH AFRICAN POSITION, OR INDIVIDUAL VIEWS WHICH VARY ON THE TWO SUBJECTS IN SOME RESPECT ON RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA?

S. I HAVE POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS NO JOINT US-SOUTH AFRICAN POSITION. THE PROPOSALS WE HAVE PUT TO SOUTH AFRICA HAVE EMERGED FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE LEADERS OF BLACK AFRICA. OF COURSE, THOSE THAT ARE THEN ACCEPTED BY SOUTH AFRICA WOULD TEND TO CREATE A CONSENSUS. AND IN ANY NEGOTIATION A POINT MUST BE REACHED WHERE ALL PARTIES AGREE, IF THEY ARE TO SUCCEED. BUT THE PROPOSALS WE HAVE PUT FORWARD HAD BEEN DEVELOPED FIRST IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LEADERS OF AFRICA, AND ARE NOW BEING DISCUSSED WITH LEADERS OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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